

The Muriel Matters
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Hello Members and Friends!

Our next event:

The Grille Protest 106th Anniversary
Tuesday 28 October, 2014
from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

at

Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide
Please assemble in Centre Hall (main entrance)

Tour of the Muriel Matters Reading Room
to be followed by
complimentary celebratory drinks and fruit platters
in the Old Chamber.

Gold coin donation welcome!

RSVP (please!) to 0437 656 700 or murielmatterssociety@gmail.com

Recent News

It is with great sadness members are advised of the sudden death of Mary, Lady Downer. The first MMS Life Member, Mary was a great help to us in our early days, giving an interview to 7.30 Report to begin our media presence and continued with support on many occasions. She attended our first Life Members Lunch earlier this year – an event that will hold even more special significance now.

Frances recently travelled to Brisbane to attend the launch in Parliament House of the online archive of the Queensland Women's Petition. Great information on the three petitions (one signed by men, one signed by women and another signed by both) collected by the WCTU, no surprise they were involved. Thanks to Claire Moore for her wonderful hospitality.

This event prompted thoughts on how the MMS can contribute to planning for celebrations of the 125th Anniversary of SA Women's Dual Suffrage in 2019. All suggestions appreciated.

Sorting and scanning of all newspaper articles nearly completed. Thanks to Steven! Looking forward to beginning preparation for the monograph in earnest.

Marie is looking into the final resting place of Muriel's paternal grandparents who were buried here in Adelaide. More on that as it comes to hand.

The Meryl Streep/Carey Mulligan movie 'Suffragette' (aka 'The Fury') on the WSPU and the life of Mrs Pankhurst and her 'foot soldiers' will be released in January. We will be arranging a fundraiser (with attendees to be in costume?), so keep an eye out for details!

Memberships

Many members have already renewed for 2014-15 – thank you! Please encourage others to join – low fees for newsletters and a couple of events each year, and a role in Muriel's modern history. Great value!

Presentations

Still free dates for this year. As well as the full MM presentation, we have individual talks on the caravan, grille and balloon. Many groups are already asking us back for second (and third!) visits. No two presentations are ever the same – we must be doing something right!

Merchandise

All make ideal gifts. Get your Christmas orders in – free postage, but don't delay!

Diary Dates

28 October 2014 – The Grille Protest 106th Anniversary at Parliament House

December 2014 - Xmas Event – TBA, perhaps a byo picnic – any suggestions?

Jan 2015 – movie fundraiser at Regal Cinema

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